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TWENTY-SEVEN COMPLETE WORK STUDY PROGRAM

Twenty-seven participants in the Library of Congress Work Study Program received certificates of completion of the program in a ceremony held in the Whittall Pavilion on Monday, May 14.

The Work Study Program, begun in 1970, offers high school students on-the-job training at the Li-
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JOSEPHINE JACOBSEN APPOINTED LC CONSULTANT IN AMERICAN LETTERS

Josephine Jacobsen, Consultant in Poetry in English to the Library of Congress for the last two years, has been appointed to a three-year term as Honorary Consultant in American Letters to the Library.

Mrs. Jacobsen, of Baltimore, Md., whose term as Consultant in Poetry is ending in June, is one of 10 notable American authors now serving as Honorary Consultants in American Letters. They advise the Library on the acquisition of literary works, particularly of manuscripts and foreign books in the field of belles lettres; advise on the selection of the Consultant in Poetry in English; recommend bibliographic projects on specific collections of materials in the Library; and suggest scholars to carry out such projects. They also advise on the selection of contemporary poets to be recorded by the Library reading from their works, and they assist in specific literary activities undertaken by the Library on which the expert advice of American writers is required.

The fourth woman to be appointed the Library's Poetry Consultant since the position was established 37 years ago, Mrs. Jacobsen is the first woman to be reappointed to a second term. She was in charge of the Library's first Conference on the Teaching of Creative Writing held on January 29 and 30. She concluded the Library's 1972-73 season of literary programs on May 7 with a lecture titled "The Instant of Knowing."

INTEREST RATES REDUCED BY LC CREDIT UNION

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union has reduced its annual percentage rate from 12 per cent to 10.8 per cent between June 1 and August 31. This lower rate of interest applies to new and refinanced loans in which at least \$300 of new money is borrowed. Additional information is available from Credit Union Manager Jim Mitchell, ext. 5852.

The Credit Union is open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on paydays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Credit Committee meets at noon each Monday and Thursday to review loan applications. The Credit Union's new office is located in Room 1008-SB on the west side of the Annex Building, adjacent to the elevator lobby.



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First published more than 30 years ago, Mrs. Jacobsen is predominantly a poet, although she also writes short stories and literary criticism. The latest of her works is *New and Selected Poems*, to be published by Doubleday in hardback and paper editions in 1974. [See *LC Information Bulletin* story, April 27.]

The other nine Honorary Consultants in American Letters to the Library of Congress serving at present are Conrad Aiken, James Dickey, Clare Boothe Luce, Bernard Malamud, James A. Michener, William Jay Smith, William Stafford, William Styron, and John Updike.

On Wednesday, May 30, Mrs. Jacobsen appeared in a farewell program of readings sponsored by the Library of Congress Professional Association and the Welfare and Recreation Association. Introduced to the Coolidge Auditorium audience by Peter Watters, President of the LCPA, Mrs. Jacobsen was thanked for her many contributions to the Library by Jack McDonald, Vice President of WRA, who, on behalf of both organizations, presented to her a framed photo offset print of a pen and ink drawing of the Great Hall by Paul Boswell of the Serial Division.

POPULAR TITLES PLACED ON SPECIAL MARC DATA BASE

"Popular Titles—Part I," a special MARC data base containing 7,831 records representing titles frequently ordered from April 1969 through September 1970, is available from the Card Division. All of the records represent English monographs cataloged before 1968. The card number series of the records range from 41 through 67 with a heavy concentration in the later series. None of these titles has appeared previously in the MARC Distribution Service.

Part I will be available for sale as a separate file through March 1974 for \$435 from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541.

Part II, which will consist of approximately 8,600 titles, will be available at a future date.

FOUR WINS ON THE BOOKS FOR WRA SOFTBALL TEAMS

There is a rumor circulating that the sluggers of the **WRA Ladies' Softball Team**, managed by Rosita Thomas, are being scouted by the Orioles. Baltimore (might well) use batters of the calibre which beat IBEW 46 to 1 and the National Bank of Washington 35 to 12. The ladies play on Monday evenings at 6:15 p.m. on Field 15 or 17 at 23rd St. and Constitution Ave.

Rain has dogged the **WRA Men's Fast-Pitch Softball Team's** efforts by cancelling two games. However, Don Marcus reports that the other two games resulted in victories for the team against the RPA 8 to 5, and against the GSA Data Processing, 3 to 0. The team plays on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at 17th St. and Independence Ave., at Field R19.

The **WRA Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Team** has had the following results: U.S. Postal Service 13, LC 4; Southeast Senators 15, LC 14; Barton Aschman 12, LC 6; and Hazbins 8, LC 2. George Thomas' men plan revenge on June 4 when they meet a team which has also lost its first four games. Game time is 7 p.m. at Field 20 near the Reflecting Pool.

Employees and their families are invited to attend the games.

For report of the 82nd meeting of the Association of Research Libraries held in New Orleans, May 11-12, see Appendix to this issue.

STAFF NEWS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Kay Guiles Appointed MARC Bibliographic Specialist

Kay D. Guiles, Senior Library Information Systems Specialist in the MARC Development Office, has been appointed MARC Bibliographic Systems Specialist. Mr. Guiles will act as the principal liaison officer for the MARC Development Office with units in the Library involved with automated catalog control. In this position, he will be responsible for coordinating research and development activities, on-going production activities, and user requirements.

Mr. Guiles is a graduate of the University of Nebraska (B.Sc.Ed., 1953; M.A., History, 1955) and of the University of Michigan (M.S.L.S., 1958). He came to the Library of Congress in 1958 as a Special Recruit and he became a Descriptive Cataloger in the Foreign Languages Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division upon completion of the training program. In 1965, he spent several months in the Information Systems Office as part of a team which provided an introduction and orientation to the preparation and uses of bibliographic information for ISO staff members. This effort culminated in a report, "A Proposed Format for a Standardized Machine-Readable Catalog Record," prepared under the direction of Henriette D. Avram. Mr. Guiles also worked in the Information Systems Office as part of the team that developed and implemented the MARC Pilot Project in 1966-67, he served as the Head of the French Section, Shared Cataloging Division in 1967-68, and he returned to the Information Systems Office in 1968 to participate in the development of the current MARC System. When the MARC Development Office was established in 1970 as a separate organization from the Information Systems Office, he became a Group Leader in the new MARC Development Office.

Mr. Guiles has served as an instructor in various MARC Institutes and has been active in developments related to the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Books, the American National Standards Institute Z39 Subcommittee on Machine Input Records, and the International Federation of Library Associations Working Group on Content Designators.

Lucia Rather Appointed Assistant Chief of MARC Development Office

Lucia J. Rather, Senior Library Information Systems Specialist in the MARC Development Office, has

been appointed Assistant Chief of the MARC Development Office. Mrs. Rather will have the primary responsibility of assisting the Chief in the development of a major computer system to control technical processing activities in the Library of Congress and in the development of standards and codes for national and international library automation efforts.

Mrs. Rather graduated from the University of North Carolina with an A.B. in history in 1955 and received an M.S. in library science from the same university in 1957. She came to the Library of Congress in 1957 as a Searcher/Cataloger in the Preliminary Cataloging Section of Descriptive Cataloging and subsequently worked as a Cataloger first in the English Language Section and then in the Serials Section. From 1964-66, she worked in the Bibliography and Correspondence Section of the General Reference and Bibliography Division primarily as a Bibliographer on the Supplement to *A Guide to the Study of the United States of America*. In 1966 she moved to the Information Systems Office where she worked on the development of the MARC II Format. In 1970, when the MARC Development Office was established as a separate organization from the Information Systems Office, Mrs. Rather became a Group Leader in the new MARC Development Office.

Mrs. Rather has represented the Library as an instructor at numerous MARC Institutes. As Chairman of the Working Group on Character Sets of the National Libraries Task Force, she coordinated development of a computer-compatible character set that has been adopted as a library standard by the American Library Association. She is a co-author of the *MARC II Format* and several journal articles.

Appointments: Gerald L. Collins, employee development specialist, GS-11, Trng, 4746; Claude T. Frasier, invoice examiner, GS-5, Ord, 4778; Carl E. Henderson, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, 10-200; Linda A. Lojewski, conservator (paper), GS-5, Restor, 4659; Marian I. Price, card preparation clerk, GT-4, NUCPP, 4783; Patrick B. Quinn, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser, 4798; Barbee J. Suggs, serial collection assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 4833; Howard Zaritsky, legal analyst, GS-11, CRS A, 4785.

Temporary Appointments: Darlene Elliott, arranger filer, GT-3, Cat Publ, 4-500; Mark A. Lieberman, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS E, 4751; Milton C. Stevens, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, NP.

Reappointments: David Isenbergh, senior preliminary cata-

loger, GS-8, Desc Cat, NP; Tatiana Pinto, shelflister, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4722; Patricia H. Squitieri, administrative secretary, GS-7, S&R, 4829; Joseph Sturiale, serials collection assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 4833; Edward R. Tittel, studio engineer, GT-5, Mus, 4728.

Promotions: Elizabeth I. Percy, MARC Dev, to arranger filer, GT-3, Proc, 4799; Mary Semler, to personnel and statistic control clerk, GS-5, Proc, NP; Melissa D. Trevett, to loan reference specialist, GS-11, Loan, 4803.

Transfers: Thomas H. Neale, CRS C, to analyst in history & public office, GS-9, CRS GGR, 4822; Alcide White, S&R, to clerical assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, 4723.

Resignations: Kathleen K. Dell, CRS C; Byron E. Harris, Ord; Gail M. Moorhouse, Ord; Connie M. Wilson, Photodup.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

George N. Atiyeh, Head of the Near East Section, Orientalia Division, has been elected Vice President of the newly-formed Middle East Librarians Association. [See related story on p. 204.]

Roy P. Basler, Chief of the Manuscript Division, is author of *A Touchstone for Greatness; Essays, Addresses, and Occasional Pieces about Abraham Lincoln*, recently published by Greenwood Press, Inc. The book is no. 4 in the Contributions in American Studies series.

Katharine W. Clugston, Head of the Audiovisual Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, participated in the 1973 National Convention of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology held recently in Las Vegas. She also served as a panel member at a recent "Cataloging and Bibliographic Access to Nonbook Materials in College Libraries" workshop conducted by William J. Quinly at Central Washington States College, Ellensburg, Wash.

Renata V. Shaw, Bibliographic Specialist, Prints and Photographs Division, is the author of *Picture Searching; Techniques and Tools*, a guide for the generalist picture searcher published by the Special Libraries Association. The guide, containing 500 entries grouped under 30 subject headings, is available for \$5.50 from the SLA, Order Department, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10003.

Uno Teement, Assistant to the Principal Recommending Officer, Science and Technology Division, is the author of "Availability of Information on the Baltic States: Reference Tools and Baltic Material," an article which appeared in the Summer 1972 issue of the *Journal of Baltic Studies*. The paper was origi-

nally presented by Mr. Teement at the Second Baltic Information Conference of North America held in Washington, D.C. in April 1972.

Theodore Wiener, Supervisor of the Hebraic Language Unit, Descriptive Cataloging Division, is the author of two articles, "Jewish Literary Anniversaries" and a bibliography of American Hebrew Books published in 1971-72, in the 1972-73 *Jewish Book Annual*.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HONORED

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brary while they are completing their junior and senior years. Participants are selected from students majoring in business courses on the basis of their past academic achievement and recommendations from their teachers. [For additional information on the Work Study Program, see *LC Information Bulletin* of June 9, 1972.]

Participants honored at the recent ceremony have been working as deck attendants, clerk typists, or library aides in the Copyright Office, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Photoduplication Service, Processing Department, and the Reference Department on a part-time basis during the 1972-73 school year and several have now been hired on a full-time basis. The participants' school counselors and LC supervisors attended the ceremony where certificates were awarded by Robert W. Hutchinson, Director of Personnel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaba are the parents of a son, Charles George Ennis, born May 25, in Sibley Hospital. Mrs. Gaba is a Loan Reference Specialist in the Loan Division and Mr. Gaba works for the Export-Import Bank.

The **LC Professional Association** will present a program on the Equal Opportunity Program on Wednesday, June 13, in the Whittall Pavilion at 11:45 a.m. Thomas Brackeen, Coordinator of the EO Program, will speak on the operation of the Program and the organization and function of the office.

The **WRA Travel Club** will hold a get-acquainted meeting on Friday, June 15, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Whittall Pavilion. Travel agents will be present to answer questions about planning vacations and refreshments will be served.



Seniors presented with certificates for completion of the Work Study Program are (seated left to right) Mary K. Yanoshik, Donna M. Heflin, Elizabeth I. Percy, Linda A. Carufel,

and Jancie M. Colbert. Standing (l-r) are Gail M. Moorhouse, Kathryn M. Hume, John G. Walzer, Linda C. Bryant, Diane M. Meehan, and Steven E. Wilson.



Other students receiving certificates included (seated l-r) Diana E. Wilson (junior), Pamela J. Miles, Michelle Butler, Lois A. Johnson, and Sybil J. Tolbert. Standing (l-r) are Romola Mullins (LC Placement Office), Robert V. Offutt, Robin C. Nicholson, Michael L. Cunningham (junior), Guy P.

Brussat, Robert J. Hurley, and Beverly Singleton (junior). Participants in the Work Study Program not pictured include Emmanuel J. Demesme, Wayman L. Griggs, Lloyd R. Hillman, Eker A. Meadows, Natalie G. Perry, Benjamin F. Stevens, Calvin F. Williams, and Michael R. Young.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. ISSN 0041-7742. Vol. 8, No. 2. February 1973. (pp. 23-57.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, APO San Francisco 96356.

Accessions List: Middle East. Vol. 11, No. 3. March 1973. (pp. 51-73.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Acting Field Director, Library of Congress Office, U.S. Interests Section, Spanish Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Accessions List: Sri Lanka. ISSN 0090-3736. Vol. 7, No. 1. February 1973. (pp. 1-15.) Formerly called the *Accessions List: Ceylon*, this list will be published two times a year during February and August, instead of four times a year. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Assistant Field Director for Special Operations, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Books: A MARC Format. 5th ed. Addendum No. 6, May 1973. (1 p.) Available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541. This addendum, issued by the MARC Development Office, describes minor changes for handling physical records and minor changes in the Volume Header Label and the File Header Label.

Films: A MARC Format; Specifications for Magnetic Tapes Containing Catalog Records for Motion Pictures, Filmstrips, and Other Pictorial Media Intended for Projection. 1970. Addendum No. 2, May 1973. (1 p.) Addendum No. 3, May 1973. (1 p.) Available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress.

Maps: A MARC Format; Specifications for Magnetic Tapes Containing Catalog Records for Maps. 1970. Addendum No. 1, April 1973. (21 p.) Addendum No. 2, May 1973. (1 p.) Available upon request from the Subscriber Accounts Unit, Card Division, Library of Congress.

New Microfilm Publications: The Library of Congress Photoduplication Service has available a list of titles and circular letters. The information in the circulars currently available refers to material available on microfilm or electrostatic prints for purchase from the Photoduplication Service. The list is free upon request from the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The Photoduplication Service also maintains a mail-

ing list for the distribution of all new or revised circulars. This service is available free to libraries and may be supplied by writing to the above address.

Press Release: No. 73-23 (May 18) Elizabeth F. Stroup appointed Chief of Congressional Reference Division in Library of Congress Congressional Research Service.

Library of Congress Regulation: No. 2010-3, page 2, (May 15), provided for the designation of Equal Opportunity Officers and Counselors by the Librarian.

Special Announcements: No. 562 (May 14) announced the appointment of John O. Hemperley to the position of Budget Officer; No. 563 (May 14) reported the appointment of Elizabeth F. Stroup as Chief, Congressional Reference Division, Congressional Research Service; No. 564 (May 18) concerned street parking for Library staff carpools; No. 565 (May 24) reported the cost of living adjustment of annuities.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

George H. Gallup's *The Gallup Poll; Public Opinion 1935-1971* (New York, Random House, 1972. 3 vol. HN90.P8G3) has been added to the reference collection in the Main Reading Room. These three volumes include the findings of all Gallup Poll reports, more than 7,000, from the founding of the Poll in October 1935 through December 1971. Covering many topics and issues, the reports "present a view of changing American political and social thought since the New Deal." Each report contains all the statistical data as originally released to newspapers; editorial and interpretative material which accompanied the reports has been omitted because of space limitations. The reports are arranged chronologically, and an index provides access by subject. Information on the Gallup Poll's election survey methods and experiences is also included. [Betty Jenkins]

To assist consumers in interpreting such food labels as the laws now require is the purpose of two reference books recently added to the shelves of the Main Reading Room: *A Consumer's Dictionary of Food Additives*, by Ruth Winter (New York, Crown Publishers, 1972. 235 p. TX553.A3W55), and *Eater's Digest: the Consumer's Factbook of Food Additives*, by Michael F. Jacobson (Garden City, N.Y., Doubleday, 1972. 260 p. TX553.A3J23). The titles are descriptive.

The Winter book is strictly a dictionary, an alphabetical list of about 1,4000 substances with definitions, common uses, and dangers, if any. Variant names are included in their alphabetical positions as

cross-references. A brief introduction touches on the general functions of additives, the Government's Policies as to testing (of which the author has a low opinion), and the GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe) list.

The Jacobson "factbook" contains more extensive discussions of fewer substances, slightly more than 100 entries with substances treated in family groups. Additional features include a chapter on the "Standards of Identity" for common foods established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a table of banned additives, a table of chemical formulas, and an index.

The fourth edition of the *General World Atlases in Print* compiled by S. Padraig Walsh (as shown on the title page of the text) or by James Patrick Walsh (as shown by the Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication data), has been published by R. R. Bowker and Company, New York and London, 1973, \$12.50. This 211-page book purports to provide a "comprehensive guide to all available general world atlases in the English language." Its coverage includes about 140 atlases and provides an evaluation of each atlas based on factors of cost, purpose, age suitability, authority, accuracy, currency, types of maps, balance, scope, contents, arrangement, projections, format, scale, and indexing. About 40 major atlases are reviewed and placed under four categories based on the criteria mentioned above. This book should be a useful guide in the selection of a general world atlas not only for the general public, but for the more specialized users of atlases. This book has been classified as Z6028.W 27.1973 and is available for consultation in the Geography and Map Division Reading Room, 845 South Pickett St., Alexandria, Va. 20540.

[Elizabeth Zach]
[Donald A. Wise]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

AFI Catalog Editor Is Appointed

Richard P. Krafur, a scholar in American studies, has been appointed Executive Editor of *The American Film Institute Catalog*, a comprehensive reference work on the American cinema. He succeeds Stephen F. Zito, who recently joined the AFI Theater-staff as Program Planner. Mr. Krafur is former editor of the *Rose Bibliography*, a computerized, annotated bibliography of social change in the United States since the Civil War.

The *Catalog*, a major documentation project of the

AFI, will, on completion, document every short film, feature film, and news film produced in the U.S. since 1893. The first volume, published by R. R. Bowker in 1971 and entitled *Feature Films, 1921-1930*, will be followed by 18 more volumes.

Mr. Krafur will be responsible for the total management and editorial supervision of the *Catalog*, which is supported through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Krafur and his staff of 13 AFI researchers carry out the project at the Library of Congress, which provides space and access to essential records.

Bill M. Woods Resigns Engineering Index Post

Bill M. Woods, a former Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association, has resigned from his position as Executive Director of Engineering Index, Inc., due to illness. Mr. Woods joined EI, a publisher of abstracts and an index to significant engineering developments, in March 1968.

Head of the Library of Congress' Processing Section, Map Division, from 1958-59, Mr. Woods served for the next eight years as Executive Director of SLA.

Benjamin Botkin Named to Honorary Post

Benjamin A. Botkin, retiring President of the National Folk Festival Association, has been named Honorary President by the group's Board of Directors. Mr. Botkin, Head of the Archive of Folk Song at the Library of Congress from 1942-45 and editor of numerous collections of folklore, suffered a stroke in April 1971 and is now recuperating at his home in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

AAP Elects Board Chairman, Loses President

Ross D. Sackett has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of American Publishers at the organization's annual meeting in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Mr. Sackett, who is President of the Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation, succeeds Robert L. Bernstein, President of Random House. Mr. Sackett has served as Secretary and Vice Chairman of the AAP Board as well as Chairman of its Washington Affairs Committee.

Edward M. Korry, AAP President since 1972, has resigned to become President of the United Nations Association of the U.S.A., Inc. Until a new president is appointed, Curtis Benjamin, former Chairman of the Board of the McGraw-Hill Book Company, will aid the AAP staff.

Technical Communicators Will Hold Banquet

The Society for Technical Communication will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, June 16, at the Tai-Tung Chinese Restaurant, 622 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C. The program will include the presentation of publication awards and the installation of new officers. A happy hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Further information is available from Nelson Fitton, Department of Agriculture, at 447-6623 (work) or 971-4495 (home).

Federal Library Committee Meets

Alan Rees, Case Western Reserve University, and Tyrus G. Fain, President of the National Congressional Analysis Corp., addressed the Federal Library Committee at its May 23 meeting. Mr. Rees reported on his analysis of points to be discussed in a major study on Federal library storage problems. Mr. Fain described the daily summary and topical index of the *Congressional Record* which his company publishes.

Journal Seeks Baltic Studies Articles

The *Journal of Baltic Studies*, sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, invites the submission of articles and book reviews relating to the Baltic peoples (Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians) in the fields of bibliography, literature, linguistics, folklore, history, and the social sciences. Comparative articles on cultural interaction, bilingualism, the experience of emigration and exile, the survival of minority cultures, and Soviet language and nationality policy, as they relate to the Baltic peoples, are welcome.

Articles may be submitted to Arvids Ziedonis, Jr., Editor, *Journal of Baltic Studies*, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. 18104.

Irish University Press Begins Series

The Irish University Press has announced the publication this month of the first three volumes of *Documents of the American Revolution, 1770-1783*. K. G. Davies, Professor of History at the University of Bristol and at one time Assistant Keeper of the Public Records, is editing the series of 18 or 20 volumes, selected from Colonial Office records in the Public Record Office, the principal documentation of the American Revolution from the British point of view.

In a pattern which will be continued through the series, Volume I is a *Calendar* of every letter which has survived in Colonial Office records for the period 1770-71; Volumes II and III present *Transcripts* of

documents of outstanding interest for the same period in full. Inquiries about the series may be addressed to Irish University Press, Inc., 485 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Middle East Librarians Association Formed

The Middle East Librarians Association (MELA) was formally established on November 9, 1972 by a group of librarians during the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). Its membership is open to librarians dealing with the Middle East and to others interested in the study or dissemination of information about the Middle East following the rise of Islam. While there are no organic ties between MELA and MESA, the two associations work closely together in the furtherance of library support for Middle East studies.

The purposes of the Middle East Librarians Association include the promotion of communication among members through meetings and publications; the improvement of the quality of area librarianship through the development of standards for the profession and education of Middle East library specialists; the compilation and dissemination of information concerning Middle East libraries and collections; and the representation of the judgement of the members in matters affecting library and related activities.

The present officers of MELA are Bruce D. Craig, University of Minnesota, President; George N. Atiyeh, Library of Congress, Vice President; Martha L. P. Dukas, Harvard College Library, Secretary-Treasurer; and James W. Pollock, Indiana University, Editor of *MELA Newsletter*. The first issue will appear next Fall.

The Association meets in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association's annual conference, which this year will take place on November 9-11 at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Correction: Information concerning a public library measurement study currently underway at Rutgers University under the direction of Prof. Ernest R. DeProspero, Jr., is available from Gerald M. Born, Executive Secretary, Public Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. An adaptation of this study, a measurement of academic libraries, is being conducted by Binford H. Conley at Rutgers. The April 6 issue of the *LC Information Bulletin* stated incorrectly that information for both studies was available from Mr. Conley.

APPENDIX

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82nd MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES New Orleans, La., May 11-12, 1973

The 82nd meeting of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) was held on May 11-12, at the Fairmont Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. President William S. Buddington of the John Crerar Library opened the first session with an address entitled "Coping With Change—The Challenge for Research Libraries." Noting the current changes in institutions and associations, he urged ARL members not to limit themselves to "coping" but to look ahead and "prepare" for change. He stressed that meaningful change is the result of significant professional thought.

Gustave A. Harter, University of Florida, moderated a panel concerned with "Changing Technology: Machine-Readable Data Bases." James L. Carmon, Office of Computing Activities, University of Georgia, discussed library processing and use of data bases, surveyed the requirements of acquiring and handling tapes, and projected future use of large data bases, theorizing on the role libraries might play in that use. In comparing computer-readable data bases and their printed counterparts, he noted that "data bases are generally similar to their printed counterparts in terms of data content and represent basically a new access route to be used in conjunction with or in place of the corresponding printed publication." Mr. Carmon said that most large data bases presently available are serial publications. The data bases are updated periodically, as are the corresponding abstract or index publications.

Mr. Carmon predicted that library activity in the management of data bases will be limited. He said "the future use of these types of reference works will be through specialized information facilities, rather than local or regional libraries." The staff and computing facilities required to provide services on even a few of the broadest bibliographic data bases are beyond the resources of most libraries, he said. A centralized information facility, however, is feasible because of significant economic benefits in cost-sharing. Among the cost-sharing information facilities now in operation, Mr. Carmon noted, are the Federally-subsidized, on-line systems of Medline, Toxicon, and Recon; the National Agricultural Library is considering similar service on the CAIN data base.

Mr. Carmon said that the local library will be called

upon to provide coordination between the user and the information facility, a role similar to libraries' traditional reference services. He said that it appears likely that libraries will play a more active role in assisting users with the new data bases.

The second paper was presented by Robin A. C. Fearn, Assistant Director for Systems, University of Florida Library, on the subject of data base management. Mr. Fearn identified two academic libraries providing "in-house" computer-readable capacity—the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Florida.

The University of Florida program entitled "Information for Campus, Community, and Commerce" (ICCC), was established in 1971. Its objective is to expand and improve the informational products and services of the University Libraries in such a manner as to make possible an active participation in the instructional, research, and service missions of the University of Florida and the State University System of Florida as a whole. Principal areas of research interest include: Library and Information Center Systems Analysis, Library and Information Center Automation, Book and Union Catalogs, Library and Information Center Development, Selective Dissemination and Alerting Services, Computer-Produced Retrospective Bibliographies, Utilization of Microforms, Communication Technology for Libraries and Information Centers, Computer Graphic and Map Displays of Information, Social, Economic, Business, and related Computer and Printed Data Base Services, Projections of Numeric Social, Economic, and Business Data Bases into the Future, and Information Transfer Policies.

Mr. Fearn closed his presentation by citing computer-readable data bases as a new and useful way to meet research library needs.

The third member of the panel, Malcom Ferguson, New England Board of Higher Education, described activity relating to the Northeast Academic Science Information Center (NASIC). The New England Board of Higher Education will develop and implement a cooperative science information center to serve the northeast region of the United States. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology will participate in the development of the proposed center and, under

subcontract to NEBHE, will provide computer system and software expertise for the project through the staff of the MIT Technical Information Program. This project will also be carried out with the cooperation of the Association of Research Libraries, the New England Research Application Center, the New England Regional Computing Program, and a representative group of colleges and universities in the region which will serve as demonstration sites.

Mr. Ferguson said the regional approach will produce the economies of scale necessary to reduce costs to the individuals served and the need for continuing service center subsidy; permit more services to be offered to a large multi-disciplined user community; provide the benefits of cost-sharing to the cooperating institutions involved; and be free from dependence upon the resources of any single university.

Following a brief intermission, John Beresford, President of DUA Labs., Inc., spoke on "Future Possibilities for Large Scale Data Base Use." He said that libraries should have a role in data base management and projected several roles for librarians. He described the research librarian's role in the use of large-scale data bases as providing technical assistance to the patron on the use of the computer, and cataloging, documenting, reviewing, and distributing of the patron's results. This role is now being played by a variety of organizations involved in the data file distribution process, he said.

Mr. Beresford also indicated that "the research librarian has new and important responsibilities associated with support of the users of machine-readable files. The execution of the responsibilities will require a regular method or technique for interaction with every data library having access to the same or similar files in order to know what work is being done elsewhere, by whom, with which files, what new files are being created, and at what grade of support. The data librarian must be prepared to define grades of support. For example, the highest grade would include machine-readable documentation with source definitions and include software for file use and experts available for consultation. The lowest grade (unsupported) would include only printed documentation with no acknowledged author."

Mr. Beresford concluded, "It is exciting, if not comforting, to realize that the difference between a strong society capable of meeting the demands of its environment and population, and a weak society disintegrating at the seams, may be found in the quality of the society's data library system."

David Weber, Stanford University, spoke briefly on

the economics of computer-readable data base management and Charles H. Stevens, Executive Director, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), presented a brief status report. Mr. Stevens pointed out that NCLIS recently issued requests for proposals to consider financial problems of public libraries, continuing education, regional bibliographic and resource center concepts, community information centers, and current microform management and production concepts.

During the afternoon session Duane Webster, Office of University Library Management Studies, ARL, directed a panel on "The Management Review and Analysis Program." The panelists, Jim Brown, Iowa State University; Michael Buckland, Purdue University; and George Shipman, University of Tennessee, explained how the program operated in their libraries. They described it as a "set of guidelines for internal review of management practices" and as "a starting point for self evaluation." They did not view it as a full-scale planning effort, a detailed organizational study, a review of program services, an attempt to force a plan, nor a package of solutions. Library directors from Purdue University, Iowa State University, and the University of Tennessee commented on the program's effectiveness from their point of view and agreed that it was working.

Following a reception and dinner, the ARL group toured the Tulane University Library.

On Saturday morning, David Kaser, Cornell University, led a discussion on "The Association as an Agent for Change." He presented suggestions for ARL objective and role statements. Changes were recommended from the floor and a document will be presented for a vote at the 83rd ARL meeting.

At a discussion on the changing role of the university library director, Richard Dougherty, University of California, Berkeley, introduced Robert B. Downs, Dean of Library Administration, Emeritus University Librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, and Robert Vosper, University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Downs drew upon a paper prepared in cooperation with the late Arthur M. McNally, University of Oklahoma. Mr. Downs said the role of the university library director, which has changed markedly in the last decade, has become a difficult one to serve. "Directors have been subjected to pressures from different quarters," he said, citing pressures from the president's office, library staff, faculty, and students. In addition, the director's status has fallen because of a declining ability to meet user needs, the lack of cohesive library planning, and

an institutional inability to accommodate change. Mr. Downs suggested that better planning, improved budgeting techniques, and the introduction of new organizational patterns would ease the problem.

James Farmer, Senior Researcher, National Commission on the Financing of Postsecondary Education, described the Commission's work. The Commission was established by Public Law 92-318 (Section 140) and appointed by Congress and the President to study the impact of past, present, and anticipated private, local, State, and Federal support for postsecondary education; the appropriate role of the States in support of higher education (including the application of State law upon postsecondary educational opportunities); alternative student assistance programs; and the potential Federal, State, and private participation in such programs. He discussed specific approaches and possible research library involvement.

Following a luncheon and a presentation by Dr. Herman Liebaers, Director of the Royal Library, Brussels, Belgium, the official ARL Business Meeting was held with William S. Buddington presiding.

ARL Commission reports were submitted. Douglas Bryant, Harvard University, cited the work of the Center for Chinese Research Materials and preservation activity as part of the Commission on Development of Resources Report. David Kaser, Chairman of the Commission on the Organization of Resources, reported that his group had worked on upgradable data bases and developed a questionnaire which will be distributed to all ARL members. Edward Latham,

Dartmouth, announced that the Commission on Access to Resources has requested position papers on the use of collections by external scholars and commercial firms. James Haas, Columbia University, and Duane Webster reported that statistical data will be collected by the Commission on Management of Research Libraries.

The ARL membership approved the following resolution regarding gifts of manuscripts and papers:

Whereas, manuscript collections constitute valuable historical materials which have long been preserved and made available for future generations by libraries, museums, and educational institutions, and

Whereas the Tax Reform Act of 1969 does not permit authors or creators of literary manuscripts, collections of papers, music, and artistic works to take tax deductions at the fair market value for gifts of these materials to libraries, museums, and educational institutions, and

Whereas this regulation has had the effect of greatly reducing or eliminating completely the donation of gifts of such materials to libraries, museums, and educational institutions: Therefore be it

Resolved that the Association of Research Libraries goes on record as requesting the Congress of the United States to amend the Tax Reform Act of 1969, in order to permit the same tax deductions for authors and creators of literary or artistic property as is accorded to other donors of these same materials.

A report by Stephen McCarthy, ARL Executive Director, concluded the 82nd meeting.

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